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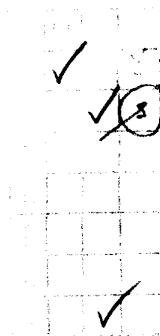
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THE RAGE OF FORMOSA  
(Sing Tao Jih Pao)

"As a counter-action to the undecided status of Formosa as asserted by certain people in Washington, 91 civic organizations in Formosa have jointly submitted an appeal to Acting President Li Tsung-jen to defend China's sovereignty by declaring the island Chinese.

"Strategically speaking, Formosa is a 'must' in the defense of South-east China, and the Formosan people are by blood Chinese. While they have just got out of Japanese enslavement, they naturally are much enraged by those Washington plotters who raised the question of the status of Formosa for the purpose of enslaving these people again.

"The movement of separating Formosa from China a year ago was directed by a country which sought to hold on to her temporary military bases there and to establish her control of the island by stirring up dissension between the Formosan people and their fellow countrymen on the mainland. This movement has been proved by many circles to have been connected with United States secret agents. The continual publication of news of such a movement by a certain foreign news service reveals that these foreign plotters have not yet given up their ambition in Formosa. We can predict that this movement will continue as long as these war-fomenters cause trouble in Formosa.

"Blood Relations

"Among United States political circles, some people have recently compared Formosa with the Kurile Islands and have said that the status of Formosa could not be decided until the conclusion of a peace treaty with defeated Japan. These people obviously have ignored the historical and geographical relations between Formosa and the Chinese mainland, especially the blood relation between their people.

"In the eyes of the United States military authorities, Formosa is of great strategic importance in the event of another world war. They shall need Formosa for the completion of a defense line stretching from Japan to the Philippines. Furthermore, Formosa will constitute a good air and naval base for their attack on the mainland. Their ambition in Formosa, like the North Atlantic Treaty, is to compose a strategically favorable position for themselves in the event of the outbreak of World War III.

"Having been enslaved by the Japanese for so many years, our fellow countrymen in Formosa do not want to be enslaved by any country again, so they are much enraged by such news from Washington. We believe the status of Formosa should be decided by the Chinese people themselves, and not by other nations at the peace conference with Japan. We Chinese people should finish the civil war as soon as possible so as not to expose Formosa to seizure by any other country. We need a strong New China to defend Formosa; we need our Formosan fellow countrymen to safeguard their country's sovereignty."